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Dear Mr Copps-

Just the other day I watched you being interviewed by Bill Moyers and I have to say I agree with your views on Media concentration. As far as I am aware, we have only two locally owned radio stations in our town and that is probably better than is the case for the average city of our size. I cannot see how the public interest is served by Clear Channel's ownership of several local stations. One ought to be enough.

Both our so-called, non-commercial television and radio stations are succumbing to what I call "Creeping Commercialism". Even so, both NPR and Public television are far and away better at serving the public interest. It is a great pity the Congress fails to support them adequately.

If it were me, I'd require all commercial radio and TV station to cough up a "Use fee" for the right to make money from a publically owned asset. This could be worked out so that each listening area had at least one fully funded TV and Radio Station and the fee would reflect the listening area's population so that a TV outlet in Los Angeles would have a higher "fee" than one in San Luis Obispo. I wouldn't mind the fee being called a "tax", but these days doing so seems to be some sort of cardinal sin.

Keep up your good work on the FCC!

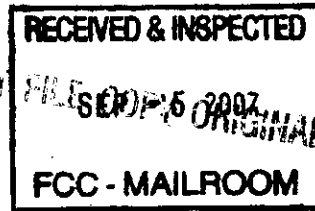
Sincerely,


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Dear Commissioner Copps:

Why do US citizens have to render their air waves to the whims of a handful of media moguls, who neither serve us, or democracy? On the contrary!

~~Once again, as a prelude to the campaigns and~~
'08 election, the minuscule progressive representation we have, is in danger in San Diego and elsewhere. How many boring redundant "sports" stations does anyone want, or "need"? Why are the wealthy right-wing Control freaks allowed to control everything people hear, or see, and still aim to drown-out and silence the few voices that break through? KLSB is trying to stifle Stacy Taylor and Jon Elliot, et al. while 600 ardent listeners protest at the station daily.

~~Progressive talk seems to interfere with the false image-~~
~~building effort of neo cons, and their endless effort to~~
manufacture consent through crafty lies.

70 plus % consistently poll against the right-wing agenda of "privatizing" and a permanent war economy, yet we are force-fed fascist blather 24/7/365 virtually unchallenged.

This family, and our friends, request that the Commission correct this crass failure of media fairness and balance.

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We deserve truth, reality, fairness, not the ubiquitous Republican echo chamber, where only right-wingers have access and progressives are always in a fragile, powerless position.

The majority of US citizens are liberal, progressive, "green", women. We buy products and pay taxes, so why repress our voices? A portion of our airwaves must be strictly not-for-profit to aid democracy, keep bribers of candidates out of the political scams. All candidates must be given free equal air time so the ^{failed} experiment with destructive bribery finally stops.

Could you please caucus with your colleagues to restore the FCC Fairness Doctrine and enforce balance and control the destructive manipulation of our citizenry? Our Constitutional rights, illegally stolen, need to be restored, and the runaway right-wing propaganda magnification curbed. Democracy and our survival depends on it!

Respectfully,

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P.S. Already our "front-runners" are chosen and no one voted yet in any primary. Republicans seem to always chose who their "opponents" are. It's a rigged system voting machines and all!